GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:374
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2002
REDUCTION OF AIRFARE BY IA
M.A. KHARABELA SWAIN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sectors where Indian Airlines effected cut in fares during the monsoon season;

(b) the details of the routes that were not covered under the said scheme; and

(c) the reasons for keeping such routes outside the rcalm of fare cuts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b) and (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) AND (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.374 FOR ANSWER ON 16/12/2002 REGARDING REDUCTION OF AIRFARE BY IA.

(a): Indian Airlines introduced `APEX Fares`, an Advance Purchase Scheme on select domestic sectors in Economy class for travel commencing from 01st August to 31st October, 2002. This scheme has been extended till 31st March 2003 and is currently applicable on 53 sectors. The list of the 53 sectors alongwith the applicable fares is enclosed at Annexure A.

(b): Indian Airlines was operating 168 sectors on the domestic network at the time of introduction of APEX fares. APEX fares are currently available on 53 sectors and 115 sectors have not been covered under this scheme. A list of 115 sectors not covered under the scheme is enclosed at Annexure B.

(c): Under this scheme the level of fare revision varies from sector to sector and season to season depending upon various market factors While deciding the sectors for introduction of APEX fares, the criteria considered were market size, market potential, extent of competition, seasonality and the potential to generate new traffic by diversion of existing traffic from other modes of transport.